GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:197
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Bio-Medical Research
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has recently approved the proposal for setting up of a National Resource Facility for BioMedical Research (NARF) in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with the estimated cost to be incurred on setting up of the said research institute;

(c) the details of the activities envisaged to be undertaken by NARF in the field of bio-medical research and the manner in which it is likely to function;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up similar research institute in other parts of the country, and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote bio-medical research in the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a): Government has approved on 18.11.2015 a proposal of the Department of Health Research for 'establishment of a National Animal Resource Facility (NARF) at Hyderabad for biomedical research.

(b): The facility would be raised in an area of 102.69 acres of land at the cost of Rs. 338.58 crores. The objectives are to create facilities for breeding and housing of animals such as primates, canines and other specialized models such as transgenic and knockout rodents, to provide technological resources for biomedical research.

(c): The activities envisaged to be undertaken in the facility include breeding and housing of a variety of animals to facilitate biomedical research. This facility would also function as an internationally accredited testing laboratory for development of drugs and quality control of various products through research.

(d) There is no other proposal to set up a similar NARF in other parts of the country.

(e): ICMR is conducting biomedical research in the country through in house and external research projects. The in-house research is being conducted through the network of ICMR's permanent institutes and Regional Centres. Activities like award of research fellowships and international collaboration are also undertaken to improve the research capabilities of the country.

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